



Medical Lake
School District

Medical Lake School District #326, WA

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday August 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location

Medical Lake School District Administration Office

Directors Present

Alexis Alexander, Gerri Johnson, Ron Cooper, Wendy Williams-Gilbert

Directors Absent

Laura Parsons

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Wendy Williams-Gilbert called a meeting of the board of directors of Medical Lake School District #326, WA to order on Tuesday Aug 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approve the Agenda ~ With Noted Changes

Gerri Johnson made a motion to approve with noted changes.

Ron Cooper seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. What's Right

II. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting 7/28/2026

Alexis Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 07-28-26.

Ron Cooper seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Alexis Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes from Budget Hearing on 07-28-26.

Ron Cooper seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approve the Consent Agenda

Alexis Alexander made a motion to approve.

Ron Cooper seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Individual Actions Items

A. Approve Board Policy 2161 ~ Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students; Second Reading

Gerri Johnson made a motion to approve.

Alexis Alexander seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approve Board Policy 2230 ~ Transition to Kindergarten Program; Second Reading

Gerri Johnson made a motion to approve.

Alexis Alexander seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approve Board Policy 3246 ~ Restraint and Isolation; Second Reading

Gerri Johnson made a motion to approve.

Alexis Alexander seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve Board Resolution 25-26.04 ~ Annual P-Card Approval

Ron Cooper made a motion to approve.

Alexis Alexander seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Noted Change ~ Approve Board Resolution 25-26.05 ~ 180 Day Waiver

Alexis Alexander made a motion to approve.

Ron Cooper seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Approve The 2026-2027 Bus Driver Incentive Program

Alexis Alexander made a motion to approve.

Ron Cooper seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. Approve the Technology Surplus

Alexis Alexander made a motion to approve.

Ron Cooper seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

H. Approve Nutrition Services Sole Source Document

Ron Cooper made a motion to approve.

Alexis Alexander seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

I. Approval of Surplus Items from Hallett Elementary

Alexis Alexander made a motion to approve.

Ron Cooper seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

J. Approval of Annual District Self-Certification

Ron Cooper made a motion to approve.

Alexis Alexander seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

K. Approve 8th Grade Girls to Play on the High School Soccer Team

Ron Cooper made a motion to approve.

Alexis Alexander seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Reports and Discussions

A. ALE and Home Connections Report ~ Lyra McGirk and Rob Haugen

Lyra McGirk presented an overview of last year's Connect+ program, which just completed its 5th year. For those who aren't familiar with Connect+, it's a remote learning

option giving students more independence as needed. Maybe those students hold jobs, have social needs, etc. This program also allows for flexibility for a hybrid option, where students can participate both in-person and on-line throughout. Given the size of our District, we have the right amount of students participating in Connect+. Originally geared towards k-12, but with the inception of the Home Connections program, and the elementary students needing more parental support at home, Connect+ is more focused on 6-12. There are 3 teachers for Connect+ students at the high school level and 1, Ryan Grant, at the Middle School level. Ryan also oversees the aforementioned Home Connections program. There were 17, fully online students at the Middle School. The High School had 8 fully online and 19 participating in a hybrid classes.

Mr. Haugen enthusiastically presented on the Home Connections Parent Partnership program. The program just wrapped up it's first year and we feel it went well. Students in the program also have options to participate in school-based activities like clubs, athletics and have access to specialists. Parents in the program asked for opportunities to socialize with other parent partnership programs and have community-building activities. We thought that was a great idea so twice a month we have Connections Corner where families come to the Wellness Center and engage in creative and/or scholastic activities. We have a "lending library" where they can check out supplies like sewing kits, astronomy kits, art kits, etc. Malenna King has done a wonderful job of getting this set up for us.

Last year we ended with 31 enrollees. We already have 32 signed up for the 26/27 school year, with an other 4 that signed after I created this slide and a family I met this afternoon that is onboard.

We're excited for another great year.

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Early Learning Center Update

Exciting news. Early Learning Center Update, Chad and I have been working with the Department of Commerce and through a lot of conversations, a lot of learning the process, we've been able to change the cost to the District. Before, if you recall, it was Department of Commerce would pay 25% and the District would pay 75%, now they pay 75% and we will pay 25%. So what we anticipated being a \$700,000 bill is now closer to a \$300,000. Very exciting.

B. Community Facilities Survey Update

The survey is out and goes until August 28. We haven't received any feedback on results yet , but when we have something, we will let you know. One thing we have heard, is a question around taxes, so when we have other correspondence, we need to be intentional and transparent.

We will do a promotion once the feedback has been tallied and build on what our next steps are.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Williams-Gilbert